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To provide for guidance relating to the management of Department of Defense arsenals to ensure affordability and competence in critical capabilities areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. LOEBSACK, and Mr. TONKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Army Arsenal Revital-
5 ization Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that it should be the goal
8 of the Secretary of Defense in conjunction with the Sec-

1 retary of each of the military departments to ensure the
2 management of the manufacturing workload of the mili-
3 tary arsenals to maintain critical capabilities and ensure
4 cost efficiency and technical competence in peacetime,
5 while preserving the ability to provide an effective and
6 timely response to mobilizations, national defense contin-
7 gency situations and other emergent requirements.

8 **SEC. 3. MANAGEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ARSE-**
9 **NAL WORKLOAD CAPABILITIES.**

10 (a) GUIDANCE FOR CONDUCTING MAKE-OR-BUY
11 ANALYSES.—The Secretary of the Army shall maintain
12 the arsenals with sufficient workloads to ensure afford-
13 ability and technical competence in all critical capability
14 areas by establishing, not later than 90 days after the en-
15 actment of this Act, clear, step-by-step, prescriptive guid-
16 ance on the process for conducting make-or-buy analyses,
17 including the use of the organic industrial base.

18 (b) REPORT ON USE OF ARSENALS TO MANUFAC-
19 TURE CERTAIN ITEMS.—Not later than 30 days after the
20 date on which the budget of the president for a fiscal year
21 is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title
22 31, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense shall
23 submit to the congressional defense committees a report
24 on the equipment, weapons, weapons systems, compo-
25 nents, subcomponents, and end-items purchased from for-

1 eign entities that identifies those items which could be
2 manufactured in the military arsenals, depots, or ammuni-
3 tion plants of the United States to meet the goals de-
4 scribed in section 2 or section 2464 of title 10, United
5 States Code, as well as a plan for moving that workload
6 into such arsenals, depots, or ammunition plants.

7 (c) PILOT PROGRAM ON ARSENAL LABOR RATES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
10 of Defense shall establish a three-year pilot program
11 for the purpose of permitting the Army arsenals to
12 adjust periodically, throughout the year, their labor
13 rates charged to customers based upon changes in
14 workload and other factors.

15 (2) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than
16 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
17 and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense
18 shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense
19 committees that includes an assessment of each of
20 the following:

21 (A) The changes in labor rates throughout
22 the previous year for each Army arsenal.

23 (B) The ability of each arsenal to meet the
24 costs of its working-capital fund.

1 (C) The effect on arsenal workloads of
2 labor changes.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “congressional defense commit-
5 tees” has the meaning given that term in section
6 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

7 (2) The term “organic industrial base” means
8 United States military facilities that advance a vital
9 national security interest by producing necessary
10 materials, munitions, and hardware, including arse-
11 nals, depots, and ammunition plants.

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